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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS DISCUSSION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Ongoing Civic Programs Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO –The San Diego Public Library will host the panel discussion *Clearing the Air About Medical Marijuana: What Does the Constitution Say?*, a lecture presented by Professor Alex Kreit of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Professor Kreit is past chairman of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Task Force. This program is presented in conjunction with the months long library project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution* sponsored by Cal Humanities.

Searching for Democracy brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Professor Kreit is actively involved in the community. He is currently President of the American Constitution Society, San Diego chapter. From 2009 to 2010 he served as Chair of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Task Force, appointed by the San Diego City Council. He has been recognized as one San Diego's top attorneys in the academic field by the San Diego Daily Transcript and one of "35 under 35" community leaders by the San Diego News Network (2010).

Visit http://sandiego.communityguides.com/constitution to find out more about the Constitution series. Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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